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SUBJ: BIODATA ON SASHICHIRO MATSUI, NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR
TO NIGERIA

1. ON NOVEMBER 13 GOJ ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF SASHICHIRO MATSUI AS AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA. CAREER DIPLOMAT MATSUI HAS SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO SRI LANKA SINCE JUNE 1971.

2. BORN FEBRUARY 18, 1913, MATSUI GRADUATED FROM TOKYO FOREIGN STUDIES UNIVERSITY AND ENTERED MOFA IN 1935. EARLY ASSIGNMENTS WERE IN TSINGTAO, MOFA SOUTH SEAS BUREAU, AND MEXICO. DURING WORLD WAR II, MATSUI SERVED IN PORTUGAL AND GERMANY. IN POST-WAR PERIOD, LIKE OTHER JAPANESE DIPLOMATS, HE WAS DETAILED TO CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE, CONTACT POINT WITH U.S. OCCUPATION FORCES. IN 1950 HE WAS POSTED TO GOJ OFFICE IN RIO DE JANEIRO, WHICH BECAME EMBASSY IN 1952 FOLLOWING PEACE TREATY. IN 1953 MATSUI RETURNED TO TOKYO AND SERVED CONSECUTIVELY IN ASIAN AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, AND UNITED NATIONS BUREAUS.

3. IN 1958 MATSUI WAS POSTED TO AUSTRIA AS FIRST SECRETARY AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL 1960 WHEN HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THAILAND AS COUNSELOR. IN 1961 HE WAS TEMPORARILY RELIEVED OF MOFA DUTIES IN ORDER TO ASSUME POSITION OF CHIEF OF SECRETARIAT FOR COLOMBO PLAN (1961-1964). FROM 1964 TO 1968 MATSUI WAS COUNSELOR IN UNITED NATIONS BUREAU. IN 1968 HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO

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AFGHANISTAN, POSITION HE HELD UNTIL APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO

SRI LANKA IN 1971.

4. MATSUI AND WIFE, AKIKO, HAVE SON, SEIICHI, WHO IS STUDENT AT
KEIO UNIVERISTY, AND DAUGHTER, KIYOKO, IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. THEY
ALSO HAVE ADOPTED DAUGHTER, IZUMI, ABOUT 24 YEARS OLD. MATSUI
SPEAKS ENGLISH.

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